

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Idaho is one of the few states in the nation without organized collection of either hospital discharge data or medical claims data, information that is essential to improve the cost and quality of healthcare in our state. You cannot manage what is not measured. This resolution responds to a need identified by the Health Quality Planning Commission last year and the State Health Improvement Project in their attempts to identify and analyze opportunities for system improvements with the health care of Idahoans. It calls on the Department of Health and Welfare to work with stakeholders to develop a plan for health data collection and analysis.

FISCAL NOTE

Likely none to the general fund. Grant money available for planning the data project. Should the grant money not be made available, the estimate by the Department of Health and Welfare is that it would cost about \$30,000 to facilitate the plan development. There is likely to be ongoing cost of operations, but that cost is yet to be determined. It is dependent on the structure, size, and workflow outlined by the plan created by the stakeholders.

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